

U .S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
RESIDENT LEGAL ADVISOR IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

About the Office: The mission of the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) is to develop and administer technical and developmental assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so they can cooperate more fully with the Department of Justice in combating terrorism, trafficking in persons, organized crime, gang violence, corruption, and financial crimes.

Responsibilities and

Opportunity Offered: The Office seeks an experienced Assistant United States Attorney or Department of Justice Trial Attorney to serve as one of the Resident Legal Advisors (RLA) for Colombia. This assignment is for a term of two years, with the possibility of an extension, contingent on available funding. **(This is a reimbursable detail.)** The RLA will join others assigned to the U.S. Embassy Bogota representing the Department through its Justice Sector Reform Program, a major U.S. law enforcement program to assist the Government of Colombia strengthen its criminal justice system. The RLAs focus on trial advocacy, the transition toward an accusatory system, implementation of a new criminal procedure code, advancing the justice and peace process, human rights, asset forfeiture, and narcotics. The RLAs work closely with Colombian law enforcement and government officials, particularly Colombian prosecutors, to scope and implement technical assistance and development projects. These projects include technical advice to the Colombian Prosecutor General's Office on the development of major task forces, including those dealing with human rights violations, narcotics, money laundering and asset forfeiture, corruption, kidnapping and terrorism. RLAs manage assistance projects, including developing curricula, selecting experts, evaluating results, and reporting. However, when appropriate, RLAs personally provide assistance. RLAs also have financial management responsibilities. RLAs interact with other U.S. law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, DEA, Customs, ATF, Secret Service, IRS and U.S. Marshals Service. The assistance and development projects managed by RLAs are closely coordinated with those of ICITAP, the police assistance entity of the Criminal Division.

Qualifications: Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or

the District of Columbia. **Applicants must be a current Department Trial Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney** and have at least four or five years of post J.D. experience to be qualified at the GS-14 or 15 level.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants must have the ability to function effectively in an international, multi-cultural environment; be mature and self-sufficient; communicate effectively orally and in writing; be fluent in Spanish, that is be able to understand all forms and styles of speech and use spoken Spanish fluently and accurately on all levels normally pertinent to professional needs; be proficient in written Spanish; and also have extensive prosecutorial experience; have excellent interpersonal skills; possess good organizational and management skills, and be self motivated. Task Force prosecutorial experience is highly desirable.

Travel: Periodic travel will be required.

Salary Information: Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level. (See OPM's Web page at www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm)

Location: The RLA will be stationed in Bogota, Colombia beginning in May 2007. (The starting date is flexible.)

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are authorized.

Submission Process

and Deadline Date: To apply for this position, applicants submit a resume and cover letter (highlighting relevant skills and experience) to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Criminal Division
Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training
(OPDAT)
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Attn: Faye Ehrenstamm, Deputy Director or Paul Vaky, Justice Sector Reform
Program Manager, U.S. Embassy Bogota

Applications may also be submitted by fax or email. Ms. Ehrenstamm's fax number is (202) 616-6770. E-mailed submissions are also acceptable. Ms. Ehrenstamm's email address is Faye.Ehrenstamm@usdoj.gov. Paul Vaky's email address is VakyP@state.gov or use Mr. Vaky's internal JCON Email address.

The advertisement is open until the position is filled.

